

RD AN No. 3790 (4279-B)
September 25, 2002

SUBJECT: Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program
Rural Area Definition

TO: State Directors, Rural Development

ATTN: Business Programs Directors

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

This Administrative Notice (AN) is being issued to clarify the definition of a rural area as it relates to the Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

This AN supplements RD AN No. 3679 (1940-L) dated September 27, 2001.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 changed the definition of a rural area for the purposes of the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. Effective immediately, rural areas are defined as any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town, as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census using the latest decennial census of the United States. Please note that urbanizing is no longer part of the definition, and, as a result, urbanizing areas are now eligible locations for B&I assistance.

EXPIRATION DATE:
October 31, 2003

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Preceding RD Instruction 4279-B

The 2000 Census data must be used to determine the population of cities and towns and is available on the Internet at <http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet>. The 1990 Census data will be used for the urbanized areas until such time as this information is readily available on the Internet. (It is anticipated that the Census Bureau will have the information available in the fall of 2002.) You will be notified by the National Office when to use the 2000 Census data for urbanized areas.

If you have any questions, please contact the B&I Division at (202) 690-4103.

(Signed by John Rosso)

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